LITHUANIA TO OPEN EMBASSY IN CANADA

VILNIUS, Jul 19, BNS - The Lithuanian Cabinet decided Wednesday to establish a Lithuanian embassy in Canada, the government's press spokesman reported. The new diplomatic mission will formally begin to function Aug. 1. In a note to the government, Deputy Foreign Minister Albinas Januska says that a Lithuanian embassy in Ottawa would help to strengthen political ties with Canada, expand bilateral economic cooperation and also to encourage Canadian investment in Lithuania. The post of Lithuanian ambassador to Canada is already held by Alfonsas Eidintas, ambassador to the United States. Eidintas will serve in his additional function from his current residence in Washington, D.C.

BALTICS TO TAKE PART IN MILITARY EXERCISE IN U.S.

TALLINN, Jul 13, BNS - Soldiers from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as well as units from 11 other former Soviet bloc nations will practice and develop their combined peacekeeping skills alongside NATO soldiers during an exercise at a base in the southeast United States in August. The exercise, called Cooperative Nugget 95, will be held at the joint readiness training center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, from Aug. 6 through Aug. 28.

This is the sixth military exercise to be conducted as part of NATO's Partnership for Peace program and the first of its kind on U.S. soil. Cooperative Nugget will be a field-training exercise, involving resolution of a fictional border dispute between two countries. The training will be conducted in accordance with current U.S army, NATO and U.N. training methodology.

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